(c) what action Government have taken to stop unprovoked rocket firing by Pakistani troops on Indian side?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise in view of answer to part (a) above.

(c) Government keeps a constant watch on all developments which have a bearing on our national security and takes appropriate measures from time to time to ensure full defence preparedness.

Revival of National Security Council

5899. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for the revival of National Security Council to assess India's long term defence requirements;

(b) whether revival of the Council is being opposed by the bureaucrats; and

(c) what is the decision of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The question of restructuring the National Security Council is unler consideration of the Government.

Suggestions on restucturing of Indian Army

5900. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several defence experts have suggested restructuring of the Indian Army which is considered top-heavy and equipped with obsolete weaponry; and

(b) what is the reaction of Government to the suggestions made by these experts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Three major reviews to optimise the organisational structure of the Army and make it more cost effective have been carried out by the following committees:—

(i) Expert Committee under a Corps Commander (1989-90)

(ii) Special Committee on Combat Echelons headed by the present COAS when he was commanding the Southern Army Command (July 1991).

(iii) Special Committee on Logistic Echelons by an Army Commander (October 1991).

(b) The recommendations of these committees are at various stages of implementation.

Terminal benefits to disable pensioners

5901. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cases where normal and disabled pensioners, both belonging to combatant and non-combatant employees of the defence and other civil Ministries have been running wild goose chase to get their terminal disabled benefits for years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of such cases that have come to light in the last 12 months; and

(c) the steps taken to check such delay in settling pension claims and how is it proposed to be ensured that such cases do not take place henceforth?